

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A shaving head comprising:

at least one cutting blade;

actively driveable skin stretching device arranged behind said cutting blade relative to a cutting direction of said cutting blade;

a guard arranged in front of said cutting blade relative to said cutting direction; and

a pivot axis arranged between the shaving head and a handle attached or attachable to said shaving head, wherein said pivot axis is arranged at least essentially parallel to said cutting blade, and

wherein said pivot axis is arranged such that a force component applied perpendicularly to said cutting direction during a shaving operation is distributed at least essentially in equal parts to said actively driveable skin stretching device and said guard.

2. (Previously presented) The shaving head according to claim 1, further comprising at least one spring element between said shaving head and said handle when attached to the shaving head.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The shaving head according to claim 1, wherein said guard is adapted to perform a hair erecting function.

5. (Previously presented) The shaving head according to claim 1, wherein said guard is adapted to perform a lubricating function.

6. (Previously presented) The shaving head according to claim 1, wherein said guard comprises at least one strip arranged parallel to said cutting blade.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The shaving head according to claim 1, wherein said pivot axis is arranged closer to said guard than to said actively driveable skin stretching device.

9. (Currently amended) The shaving head according to claim 1, wherein said pivot axis ~~parallel~~ comprises a first coupling arranged to couple said shaving head to said handle.

10. (Previously presented) The shaving head according to claim 1, wherein said actively driveable skin stretching device comprises at least one actively driveable roller.

11. (Currently amended) The shaving head according to claim 10, wherein the sense of rotation of said roller when active during a shaving operation, corresponds to its reeling sense of rotation relative to said cutting direction ~~and wherein a rotational speed of the actively driven roller is higher than the rotational speed that would result from the movement of the shaving head by a user during the shaving operation.~~

12. (Previously presented) The shaving head according to claim 1, wherein said actively driveable skin stretching device is driven via a movement of the shaving head over skin to be shaved.

13. (Previously presented) The shaving head according to claim 1, wherein said actively driveable skin stretching device is arranged to be driveable by an electromotor.

14. (Previously presented) The shaving head according to claim 13, wherein said electromotor is associated with said shaving head.

15. (Previously presented) The shaving head according to claim 13, wherein said electromotor is associated with said handle.

16. (Currently amended) The shaving head according to claim 15, further comprising a second coupling arranged to couple said skin stretching ~~element~~ device to said electromotor.

17. (Currently amended) The shaving head according to claim 1, wherein said pivot axis is arranged at a middle position ~~selected to distribute the perpendicular force component at least~~

~~essentially in equal parts to between said actively driveable skin stretching device and said guard in view of friction between the guard means and a user's skin and in view of friction between the actively driveable skin stretching device and a user's skin.~~

18. (New) The shaving head according to claim 1, wherein the force component is distributed in at least essentially equal parts for different angles of the handle with respect to the shaving head.

19. (New) A shaving head comprising:

at least one cutting blade;

actively driveable skin stretching device arranged behind said cutting blade relative to a cutting direction of said cutting blade;

a guard arranged in front of said cutting blade relative to said cutting direction; and

a pivot axis arranged between the shaving head and a handle attached or attachable to said shaving head, wherein said pivot axis is arranged at least essentially parallel to said cutting blade, and

wherein said pivot axis is arranged such that a force component applied perpendicularly to said cutting direction during a shaving operation is distributed to said actively driveable skin stretching device and said guard at a ratio that remains substantially constant for different angles of the handle with respect to the shaving head.